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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

David L. Patton, et al

**SYSTEM FOR CUSTOMIZING AND  
ORDERING PERSONALIZED  
POSTAGE STAMPS**

Serial No. US 09/378,159

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Examiner: Naresh Vig

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated January 7, 2003, applicants respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as follows.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner in the Official Action rejected claims 1-23, 26-27, 32-50, 52 and 54-55 under 35 USC § 102(e) (it is assumed that the Examiner meant 35 USC § 103) as being unpatentable over Kara, U.S. 5,819,240 (Kara1) in view of Brasington et al. US Patent 5,923,406 and further in view of an article from Glen Stephens (Stephens) for the reasons set forth on pages 2-12.

The Examiner has also rejected claims 17-23, 33-36, 39-41, 43-44 and 46 over Kara in view of Brasington et al. and further in view of Stephens and Kara, US Patent No. 5,717,597 (Kara2) for the reasons set forth on pages 13, 14 and 15.

The Examiner also rejected claims 28-31 and 51 under 35 USC § 102(e) (Again, it is assumed that the Examiner meant 35 USC § 103.) as being